In the Matter of

Jorge Zamora-Quezada, M.D.

Holder of License No. 36597
For the Practice of Allopathic Medicine
In the State of Arizona

Case No. MD-09-1490A

# ORDER FOR LETTER OF REPRIMAND AND CONSENT TO THE SAME

Jorge Zamora-Quezada, M.D. ("Respondent") elects to permanently waive any right to a hearing and appeal with respect to this Order for Letter of Reprimand; admits the jurisdiction of the Arizona Medical Board ("Board"); and consents to the entry of this Order by the Board.

## **FINDINGS OF FACT**

- 1. The Board is the duly constituted authority for the regulation and control of the practice of allopathic medicine in the State of Arizona.
- 2. Respondent is the holder of license number 36597 for the practice of allopathic medicine in the State of Arizona.
- 3. The Board initiated case number MD-09-1490A after receiving notification indicating that Respondent was reprimanded by the Texas Medical Board.
- 4. On November 6, 2009, the Texas Medical Board issued a two year order of public reprimand to Respondent for ordering extensive laboratory tests and imaging studies for multiple patients without adequate documentation. With respect to one patient, many laboratory tests were not justified by the presentation and complaint of the patient. Pursuant to the order, Respondent was required to have an independent audit of his billing practices within 90 days and obtain a practice monitor. The order also required that, within one year, Respondent obtain 10 hours of CME in medical recordkeeping, ethics, and appropriate billing and coding, and pay an administrative penalty of \$30,000.

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### CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

- 1. The Board possesses jurisdiction over the subject matter hereof and over Respondent.
- 2. The conduct and circumstances described above constitute unprofessional conduct pursuant to A.R.S. § 32-1401(27)(o) ("[a]ction that is taken against a doctor of medicine by another licensing or regulatory jurisdiction due to that doctor's mental or physical inability to engage safely in the practice of medicine, the doctor's medical incompetence or for unprofessional conduct as defined by that jurisdiction and that corresponds directly or indirectly to an act of unprofessional conduct prescribed by this paragraph. The action taken may include refusing, denying, revoking or suspending a license by that jurisdiction or a surrendering of a license to that jurisdiction, otherwise limiting, restricting or monitoring a licensee by that jurisdiction or placing a licensee on probation by that jurisdiction."). The corresponding act of unprofessional conduct is in A.R.S. § 32-1401(27)(e) ("[f]ailing or refusing to maintain adequate records on a patient.") and A.R.S. § 32-1401(27)(q) ("[a]ny conduct or practice that is or might be harmful or dangerous to the health of the patient or the public.").

#### ORDER

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT Respondent is issued a Letter of Reprimand.

DATED AND EFFECTIVE this 10th day of



ARIZONA MEDICAL BOARD

Executive Director

### **CONSENT TO ENTRY OF ORDER**

- 1. Respondent has read and understands this Consent Agreement and the stipulated Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law and Order ("Order"). Respondent acknowledges he has the right to consult with legal counsel regarding this matter.
- 2. Respondent acknowledges and agrees that this Order is entered into freely and voluntarily and that no promise was made or coercion used to induce such entry.
- 3. By consenting to this Order, Respondent voluntarily relinquishes any rights to a hearing or judicial review in state or federal court on the matters alleged, or to challenge this Order in its entirety as issued by the Board, and waives any other cause of action related thereto or arising from said Order.
- 4. The Order is not effective until approved by the Board and signed by its Executive Director.
- 5. All admissions made by Respondent are solely for final disposition of this matter and any subsequent related administrative proceedings or civil litigation involving the Board and Respondent. Therefore, said admissions by Respondent are not intended or made for any other use, such as in the context of another state or federal government regulatory agency proceeding, civil or criminal court proceeding, in the State of Arizona or any other state or federal court.
- 6. Upon signing this agreement, and returning this document (or a copy thereof) to the Board's Executive Director, Respondent may not revoke the consent to the entry of the Order. Respondent may not make any modifications to the document. Any modifications to this original document are ineffective and void unless mutually approved by the parties.